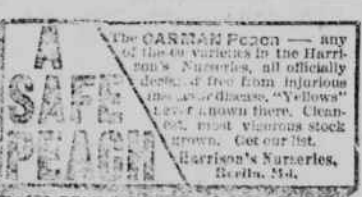


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A SEARCH FOR AN ORIGINAL

BY FRANK SUMMERS.
"But, Jane, this isn't for me," said Mrs. Collis, turning a large cabinet photograph round and round, now looking at the face, now at the name of the photographer on the back of the card.

Jane had just opened the door of the flat to let in the janitor, and the two stood in the narrow hallway.

"Well, ma'am, that's all I know about it," said Jane. "The young lady said when I opened the door, 'Mrs. Collis at home!' and I said, 'No,' and she said, 'Give her this for me when she comes in.' She said you would know who it was ma'am."

"But I haven't the least idea who it is. I don't know anybody at Halifax, Nova Scotia."

"Seems a very nice young lady," Jane volunteered, taking a peep at the picture. "It certainly is a good likeness of her. No, ma'am, she didn't even leave her name. She said you would know who it was when you saw the picture."

That evening Mrs. Collis quite enjoyed telling her little experience of the day to her husband. Their lives—hers and his, and Tot's—were not so brimful of novelty and excitement but that a mystery like this would form a rather pleasant diversion. The summer seaside outing had passed away just long enough to bring five-year-old Tot to a condition of wistful regret for her sand-hill days and diggings. As for Tot's papa, what he really needed more than anything else was distraction from the business thoughts that occupied him ten hours in the day.

"I never saw the original in all my life," said Collis, "and if she meant this kind attention for me—"

"Jack," said Mrs. Collis, "the girl distinctly asked for me, I tell you."

"Very well, my dear. You are quite welcome to her. Your brother Walter is coming here this evening. Give her to him." And Collis began filling a briar pipe.

"Walter coming here? I didn't know he was back. Of course, Walter is just the man to solve the mystery for us."

By this time Tot had got hold of the puzzle photograph and was staring at the face of it wide-eyed, curled up in a corner of a lounge, constructing unfathomable theories, no doubt, about the identity of the lady with the sweet, soft eyes.

"Mamma," said Tot, "I know who can find her. I'm either the janitor or—"

"Or who? To?" asked her papa with an amused smile through a cloud of smoke.

"Good for you, Tot," said Collis. "Suppose we begin with the janitor."

And with that he made his way down two flights of stairs to the basement, to cross-question the janitor.

Meanwhile, before Collis could get back from his brief excursion, his brother-in-law, Walter Brown, turned up, and he had his salutations cut short by being introduced to the mystery. Where he had been, the details of his summer camp, his canoeing, his fishing, and his sufferings from mosquitoes had no interest just then for his sister, hardly even for Tot.

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"And who are you, sir?" she said. "Oh, I'm Brown. Walter Brown is my name. My card."

"And this is Mrs. Brown?" said the girl, turning to Mrs. Collis and Tot. "No—no. My sister, Mrs. Collis—Miss—"

"Miss Marjory K. I believe?" said Tot's mamma, while Tot stared and smiled at the fairy lady.

Thereupon the expression of the original changed to something more like that of the picture, only with something of bewilderment. Also Walter turned and stared at his sister, wondering how she had picked up the name of the mysterious original.

An up-town train drew up, but this group of four paid no attention to it, though the conductor, and the gate-man, and the book-stall boy all looked at them very curiously.

"I live at Brownstone Flats," said Mrs. Collis. "I think you mistook me for another Mrs. Collis, didn't you?"

"I see now," said the girl. "I'm afraid I've given you a great deal of trouble. Did you get my note to Laura? You see, she was Laura Wakely last spring, now she's married and—suppose she doesn't know I'm back from my outing in Nova Scotia. I had the photo with me that day, and she had told me she was going into a flat on that block. It was the grocer at the corner who directed me to Brownstone Flats. He told me there were no other flats on the block. You must let me call and explain it all to you, Mrs. Collis."

Of course Mrs. Collis had no objection to this. In fact, she and Tot went up town with "Marjory K." on the elevated cars, leaving Walter somewhat out in the cold, but hopeful. And of course the fairy lady told Tot what the "K" stood for. And—Well, at this present writing, Tot calls the original of the photograph "Aunt Marjory" sometimes, and sometimes "Aunt Fairy" for Walter had looked at that picture until he had fallen head over ears in love with its original.

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